

**South Side Task Force Goals Task 2021**  
**Task Force Goals, Along With A Summary of Input from 2017 and the January 2018 Task Force Meeting**  
**TO DO: UPDATE GOALS TO REFLECT CURRENT CONDITIONS**  
**&**  
**THINK OF HOW WE CAN ACCOMPLISH THEM**

**Goal 1**

Add 10 new members to **the South Side** Task Force

1. Go door to door to recruit new members.
2. Find out who has moved recently to the South Side and recruit them, both buyers and renters.
3. Develop yard signs to be displayed by Task Force members.
4. Hand out flyers and post meeting time, location, agenda in stores and building lobbies.

**Goal 2**

Recruit and mentor new leadership for the Task Force

1. Have more committees so people can develop leadership skills.
2. Share the bylaws with those who may not have seen them and develop written job descriptions for officers and committee chairs.

**Goal 3**

Replace **Se** and gutters and add a spray pad and wading pool

1. Communicate with the Parks Department and Public Works on repairs and projects of concern to the Task Force.
2. Keep lines of communication open with Code Enforcement.
3. Ask for a quarterly update on Parks projects from Parks director.
4. Turn over \$1200 raised for spray pad bathroom to Parks.
5. Communicate with City **departments** about the curbs, gutters, bathrooms in parks.

**Goal 4**

Support more **affordable** single family home ownership in the South Side Neighborhood.

1. Keep lines of communication open with Code Enforcement.
2. Challenge non-conforming uses and apartments.
3. Make realtors aware of good bargains available on the South Side.
4. Utilize The Home Center to get word out about **the South Side** Neighborhood.
5. Demand that money be found by Community Development to fund new or rehabilitated housing in the **South Side** Neighborhood.
6. Seek more transparency from relevant City departments.
7. Review the state of housing on the South Side.
8. Determine what new housing projects on the South Side are possible using federal dollars and through Habitat for Humanity.

**Goal 5**

Organize and encourage new activities to enhance the use of South Park **and Highland Park**

1. Encourage walking tours and historical aspects of the Neighborhood.
2. Support events like the Gardeners' Market, Arbor Day, Movies in the Park, ConocoPhillips Meet and Greet, Fiesta/Car Show, Run 4 Health celebration, Christian Cycling, Easter Egg Hunt, Walk 4 Freedom, musical events of all kinds, dress-up day and an event concerning human trafficking

3. Look into adding an area for a skating rink and broomball.
4. More picnic tables in parks.
5. Encourage the use of Highland Park.

#### Goal 6

Reach out to, and encourage, South Side businesses to attend **the South Side Task Force** meetings.

1. Hold an open house for businesses and hand out the newsletter.
2. Update the flyer about the South Side Task Force and distribute it in person to businesses in the Neighborhood.
3. **Give** out Good Neighbor awards.

#### Goal 7

Address drug houses, gang issues and graffiti in **the South Side** Neighborhood whenever possible.

1. Do two or more paint nights for covering graffiti.
2. Educate people on how to address and report drug houses.
3. Pick up trash and toss it.
4. Hold a block party for the whole area and put out a quarterly newsletter for all of the Neighborhood, using **the mail** service.

#### Goal 8

Seek to address homelessness and transient issues in **the South Side** Neighborhood.

1. Inform people about the rescue crews from MRM who will deal with the homeless.
2. Host a symposium of agencies and ministries with **/offering** resources and personal relationship skills.

#### Goal 9

Eliminate boarded-up houses on the South Side

1. Report all houses of concern to Council Members and Code Enforcement.
2. Make a diary of all locations with pictures so they can be taken care of systematically.
3. Write a letter from the Task Force to City Council asking them to act to remove the boarded-up houses on the South Side.

#### Goal 10

Advocate for safe places for children on the South Side

1. Identify and inform caretakers of children where they can go if they feel unsafe in the Neighborhood.
2. Work with the 3,000 kids in the area to help them know who they can trust.
3. When necessary, institute well child checks.
4. Support Friendship House expansion/parking lot.
5. Write a letter from the Task Force to schools to support parenting classes.
6. Support March Against Domestic Violence.
7. Support safe houses with signs.

#### Goal 11

Work to hold landlords accountable.

1. Offer a Good Landlord Award.
2. Send letters to landlords who may not be quite up to snuff in their management.
3. Offer incentives and assistance to find rehab funds.

4. Look at minimum standards legislation.
5. If tenants want one, help them establish an organization.
6. Familiarize ourselves with the tenant/landlord local and state regulations.
7. Apply pressure on “slum” landlords using legal means and through local landlord association(s) and realtor association(s).
8. Raise public awareness of tenant/landlord issues.
9. Communicate directly with landlords who are not maintaining their properties, who have high renter turnover or who are in frequent legal conflict with renters, in order to hear their reasons; encourage them to do better.

Red entries: indicate changes requested in previous work to define goals and changes that clarify that these are South Side Neighborhood Task Force goals or that they concern the South Side, not “our”.